



THE SPORTSMAN

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The April General Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse.

President's Report

Well it certainly appears that spring is here and we can look forward to some nicer weather and the streams opening up for the annual trout season. We as a club are celebrating our 75th year in 2022 and I know Chris Geberdt is working on an Anniversary logo so keep reading the newsletters and coming to the General meetings as more to come about this milestone. On that note we have one current member who has been with the SSA for all 75 of those years, I would like to say a big Congratulations to Jack Osadzuk on this feat and I know he has seen and been involved over all these years. Our next General meeting will be Thursday, April, 7th @ 7:30 at the Clubhouse. By now Stew will have already had a Swap Meet at the club, I certainly hope all got a chance to get out that wanted to and some deals were made. We will be having our Annual Earth Day clean up this year after a pause of a couple of years, it will take place Saturday, April, 23rd and will be behind City Hall in Owen Sound by the Market, gloves and bags will be supplied and will be followed by a small Barbeque and refreshments to those taking part. We will also be having our Annual Chili/Soup/Stew night this year in May, 11th around 6:30 pm, this popular evening has also had a hiatus but will be back and is always a fun night of sampling the dishes of your fellow members culinary prowess. I encourage all members to try to get out to our events to get to know others and now we can get back to some Social gatherings.

The Guest Speaker will be John Ford, who will be speaking about the history of and the current status of the SSA Eastern Bluebird Nesting Box Programme.

THE CLUB HOUSE is: on the Lincoln Park Road, in the township of Georgian Bluffs, or {082535 Side Road 6}, or {217567 Concession 3 Side road, behind Gord Maher Centre}

38th Annual OWEN SOUND SALMON SPECTACULAR
 August 26 to September 4, 2022

- Come & reel in a Winning Chinook Salmon
- Saturday Night Fish Fries
- Daily Fish Entry Draws for Men, Women & Children
- Musical Entertainment Nightly
- Kid's Day, Ladies Afternoon, Seniors Afternoon, Molson's Day

Over \$150,000 in prizes!

Early Bird Draw for ticket purchases until August 5, 2022
 Prices are \$35.00 Single Registration and \$70 Family Registration
 Registration tickets can be purchased online at www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/ssas22

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Over 60 Years Promoting Conservation



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Please inform John Ford if your address, phone number, or, email has any changes!



Got Questions? Contact
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Contact-
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Gate Keys

On April 1 all the club gate locks were changed. The 2022 key has a magenta key spotter on it (red). Keys are available at Watsons Tackle House and the Maher Centre (white house) As well the keys are available at our monthly meetings. The cost is \$5.00.

Previous Club and Gate Keys: Over the years members have needed club house keys etc. for various purposes. However, in most cases, the need is no longer there. If that is the case, we would appreciate getting those keys back so that they can be reused. Please contact John Ford. (226-664-0960)

Hatchery workers moving Salmon to larger tanks



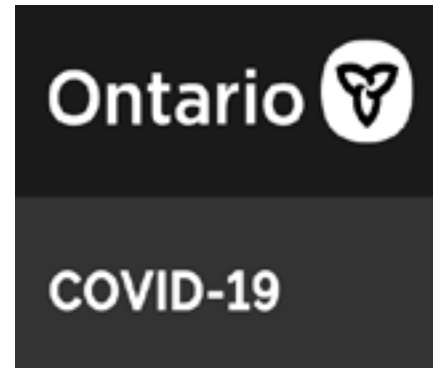


Tip: Explore the website DERBY photo & video gallery.

SSA Covid Safety Plan update

As of March 21st the Ontario Government no longer requires organizations to have a covid safety plan. With that news the SSA Executive has rescinded our own Covid Safety Plan and removed the document from our website. Let us hope any pandemic related restrictions continue to be in the rear-view mirror!

A reminder that all members and guests must continue to sign in on every range, every day, and that there is no change to this process as we leave covid in the rear-view mirror.



SSA Club Orientation Tour – for new AND old members.

Completion of the SSA Orientation Tour is required for new members before using ANY of the ranges. This tour is an introduction to the property and covers general range rules, gate use, flag use, etc and allow members to use the rimfire range unsupervised or come out to other supervised shooting activities. The next orientation tour will be on April 10th at 10:00 am. We will meet in the parking lot by the handgun/rimfire range.

SSA Website

We will continue to increase our use of the SSA website to communicate to members on range activities. Under the Ranges tab you can now find up to date information on Sporting Clays dates in 2022, Inter-club trap, our current Range Manual (Range Rules), and contact information for the Range Committee and activity co-ordinators. We will also be posting the course notes for training courses that are being offered at the club so members can print them and prepare in advance.

On the All Events Calendar you can see the schedule for trap and skeet shooting, Sporting Clays, Orientation Tour dates and safety course dates for specific ranges. Remember that there are some days when a range may be closed to members because of a private rental or training clinic - Make sure you check the calendar for up to date information!





Salmon Spectacular Update

The Derby Committee has been working on 2022 sponsorships and recently completed a very successful fundraising activity at the Toronto Sportsmens Show. If you are interested in volunteering please contact a derby committee member. In 2022, we expect to have many of the previous daily activities that the public expects.

Online Derby Tickets: We now have these tickets available on our website. This year, you will print out your own derby ticket. When you have an account, you can log in and go to the SSA Shop.



Using the Calendar on the SSA Website

1. First go to the main page of our website: www.sydenhamsportsmen.com
2. At the top of the page, you will see the button **Events Calendar**.
3. After you click on that, choose the All Events Calendar.
4. Then you will see the events for the month.



Renewals: If you know someone who has not renewed, please remind them on April 1. After that time they pay an additional \$25.00

Wildlife Advisory Committee

The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 12 at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse. We extend an invitation to any member who wants to find out what is happening with our Conservation Programmes. There is no commitment on your part to do anything. But, of course, we hope you will.

We are asking if any member has a valid farmer's Spray licence. If you do, please contact John Ford at 226-664-0960 or johnrichardford5@gmail.com

Volunteers are who keep the ranges open. It is true. Nothing gets accomplished on the ranges without a volunteer doing the work. If you want to get involved, no matter how much or how little, please come out and get involved.

The summer season is coming and there will be grass to cut and trim, trees to trim, and other maintenance tasks to do. Do you want to see an improvement on a range, like better lighting? Do you have the skills to make the improvement? This is the kind of task that only gets done due to the initiative of volunteers. Don't be shy. Reach out if you would like to get involved or wish to lead an improvement project.

I want to thank everyone that is working behind the scenes to bring lots of shooting activities to the members this summer. To quote a respected member – you know who you are – shoot safe, and shoot often! On behalf of the range committee, Jay



Tip: Explore the website RANGES pages.

Shooting Sports Update - from the range committee

<https://www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/ranges/shooting-ranges/>

It was cold (and some days quiet) on the ranges for the early part of 2022 - but we are seeing a lot more action on the ranges now that the snow is melting and spring is officially here.

We have many new members of the Range Committee to introduce you to and updates on the coming activities on many of the ranges. But before the introductions – I want to say thanks to our outgoing committee members who stepped back on January 01st.

THANK YOU to Tim Lahey, Tim Westover, and Dave Fritz for all your hard work to maintain and organize the ranges so they are open for use by all of us as members! If you see these individuals on the range, be sure to thank them for everything they have done.



2022 Range Committee – Welcome to the following new members:

Trevor Dollmaier – Trevor joins as the new co-chair of the range committee. Trevor’s shooting interests are in archery and rifle shooting, and Trevor will share 100-yard range co-ordinator duties with Randy Moore.

Randy Moore – for those long term members of the SSA, you may recognize Randy’s name from the SSA executive from “a few “ years ago. Randy will share the 100-yard range co-ordinator duties.

Patrick MacNeil – Patrick is an active shotgun and handgun shooter. Patrick joins the committee as the new handgun range co-ordinator.

Hugh Hunter – Hugh will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the rimfire range as rim-fire range co-ordinator.

Ray Marchand – Ray has experience shooting at most of the ranges and is a committee member at large that has been working to improve the shooting sports side of the SSA website.

Mike Thompson – Mike is a shotgun shooter at heart and brings new energy to the committee at large.

Welcome Trevor, Randy, Patrick, Hugh, Ray, and Mike! Those of us on the committee really appreciate you all stepping up, as do all members who use the ranges. For those of you using the ranges – if you see something that needs repaired or wish to help out on a specific range – reach out to the specific range co-ordinators.

100 Yard Range Update

We have received approval from the Chief Firearms Office to allow individuals to use the 100-yard range unsupervised on the condition that they must complete specific training on the safety procedures used on the 100-yard range. What this means – as of April 01st you can sign up for our new 100-yard Range Safety Course. There are two course dates set in April on April 10th and 24th. Registration is on the SSA website only (click on the event) and the course is free. We are limiting the participants to 10 per course for the first few courses to make sure things are running smoothly and plan to offer courses every other week or as needed based on demand. The course will take place on the 100-yard range and will cover the practical components of safety on this range and include a multiple choice type of written test.

On April 1st the lock on the entrance gate to the 100-yard range will change to a common club lock (magenta key for the year 2022) and members who have completed the 100-yard range safety course -or- were formerly trained as club Range Safety Officers (RSO's) may access the range during daylight hours Monday to Saturday or Sundays after 1:00 PM.

To be clear – if you are a former club trained RSO you continue to have access to use the 100-yard range as you have been used to. If you were not trained as an RSO (the case for most members) you need to sign up for and complete the new 100-yard Range Safety Course and get your sticker before using the 100-yard range unsupervised.

Sporting Clays: The schedule for sporting clays has now been set for 2022 and you can find all the dates on the SSA website under the Ranges tab or on the All Events Calendar. We will continue to use online registration and payment for all of our sporting clays events. Mark the calendar – the first shoot is on May 01st. Of NOTE – Saturday May 28th is a new event – introduction to sporting clays – and is intended for everyone that has wanted to try sporting clays but has never done so. The last shoot is October 16th and will be a LOAD 3 event which requires a semi-automatic or pump action shotgun.

Trap Shooting: Trap shooting is open on Sundays from 1 to 4 pm and most Wednesdays from 10 to 1 on the main field. We expect that trap shooting will be open Fridays again this year on the upper trap field as well – check the online calendar for details.

Interclub trap is going ahead with a full shoot schedule in 2022. The first date is at the SSA on April 30th. You do not need to be a competitive trap shooter to come out and shoot interclub trap. If you like the sport – come out! The full interclub trap schedule can be found on the website under the ranges tab.

Skeet Shooting: Skeet shooting is open on Thursdays from 12 to 3 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm.

This year Dean Herzburg from SureShot Coaching will be returning on May 21st, 22nd, and 23rd for private coaching. If you want to learn the fundamentals of shooting a shotgun right the first time, or polish up your skills, sign up for coaching with Dean. Contact information for SureShot coaching is on our website.

Handgun Range: We are in the process of reviewing our Club Level Safety Course (CLSC) and preparing new facilitators to deliver this course. If you were on a waiting list – you are still on the waiting list and we will reach out to you when the course is ready.

It will be our goal to put on a holster course in the summer time once we get the updated CLSC up and running. Please be patient as we grow the committee and our capabilities.

Range Rentals: Do you know that we rent our ranges for events such as birthday parties, wedding parties, corporate training or team building events? We do generate revenue to maintain the ranges through these rentals, AND it's a great way to grow our sport by teaching new shooters what it is all about. All of the rentals are facilitated by experienced club volunteers.

Shooting Sports

Hey shooters, here is more info on the upcoming private lessons at the club. This is one on one coaching on the skeet field, great opportunity for improvement in your game.

Contact Dean to reserve your spot. Ammo is available at the club.



SURE SHOT
COACHING



Private Skeet Shooting Instruction

Friday May 20 2022
(2pm - 6pm)

Saturday May 21 2022
(8am - 6pm)

Sunday May 22 2022
(If needed)

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With Dean Herzberg

Level III NNSA Instructor

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New or Inexperienced Shooters:

Learn sound fundamentals from a tried tested and proven system for learning Skeet Shooting. Bad habits, whether mechanical, fundamental or mental in nature cost you hundreds if not thousands of lost targets every year. Stack the odds in your favour by playing the game the right way. Let's break some old bad habits and build some new good ones!

Experienced and/or Competitive Shooters (D to AA Class):

No one is perfect out on the skeet field. Everyone has areas we need to improve on and finding those areas will help you take the next step in your game.

When Dean works with competitive or experienced shooters, it is not about breaking you down to the beginning. Rather, finding the bigger problems and making small adjustments to increase the probability of the next target breaking.

Dean works on all areas with experienced shooters, mechanics, mental game, advanced use of the eyes for fast target acquisition and breaking targets in the right place! And of course DOUBLES.

Gain valuable insight from 5 x Krieghoff All American (Triple Sub), 7x Canadian Skeet Champion, 7x Ontario Skeet Champion, NNSA Level III and Zone 8 Instructor, Dean Herzberg.

His passion for skeet shooting and enthusiasm for helping skeet shooters improve, rubs off on a lot of his students. He can find the weak spots in your game and help craft a plan to help you achieve your skeet shooting goals.

Cost: \$125/ hour
Minimum 2 hour session for shooters that Dean has not worked with before.

Contact Dean to reserve your time slot or if you have any questions

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